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## **“HOMETOWN” CELEBRATION DEDICATES EAST L.A.’S OWN “CITY HALL”**

### New Civic Facility Highlights Era of Civic Empowerment in ELA

EAST LOS ANGELES (Jan 31, 2007) -- A **“Hometown” Celebration -- East L.A. style.** East Los Angeles residents joined Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria Molina today in dedicating East L.A.’s own “City Hall.” The Civic Center is located in the East LA Civic Center Campus, a project Molina initiated in 1999 to establish a central location for making County services accessible to the local community. The Civic Center is located at East Los Angeles Civic Center, 4801 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Los Angeles, 90022

The “Hometown” celebration dedicated the County Hall and featured an all-day Open House, an exhibit of ELA’s municipal history, the Garfield High School Marching Band and local entertainment.

Molina was joined by Congressman Esteban Torres who represented the area for numerous years, and Tony Plana, Star of ABC’s “Ugly Betty”, in addition to community activists, civic leaders, business owners, local students, and County department officials.

“As a thriving unincorporated community, East Los Angeles has long awaited for its own full service civic facility. The new County Hall is a shining example of the areas’ evolvement and civic empowerment,” said Molina.

The new County Hall will serve as East L.A.’s “City Hall”— bringing County services closer to the community. The County Hall is a significant milestone of the ELA Civic Center project. County Hall services include the Molina’s First District Community Office, and the Departments of Building and Safety, Consumer Affairs, Parks and Recreation, Regional Planning, Environmental Health and Fire.

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“We are elated to have our very own “City Hall” right here in East Los Angeles. We no longer have to travel to downtown to access these County services,” said community activist Diana Tarango. “I remember when we the community participated in the first public community planning meetings -- this civic center and our own “City Hall” was just a dream.”

The East LA Civic Center campus project milestones include:

- Civic Center Groundbreaking, 2002
- Civic Center Shopping Center Grand Opening, Oct 2003
- Belvedere Lake Dedication and Civic Center Way construction, July 2004
- New Library Dedication, Oct 2004
- County Hall Dedication, Jan 2007
- Transit Center, Summer 2007
- Eastside Gold Line opening in 2009

The County Hall can be reached at (323) 881-7039 or <http://EastLA.LACounty.Info>, 4801 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Los Angeles, CA 90022.

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